



The View From The Park

A Newsletter of Faith & Community

March 2024

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Sundays in March

• **Worship Begins At 10:00 a.m.** •

• **March 3rd** •

Communion
Deacons & Food Shelf Offering



• **March 10th** •

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Annual Women's Worship



• **March 17th** •

Name Tag Sunday
Noisy Can Offering
All-Church Read
St. Patrick's Day - Wear Green To Church!
No Church School



• **March 24th** •

Palm Sunday
Brunch After Worship
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



• **March 31st** •

Easter Sunday
No Church School



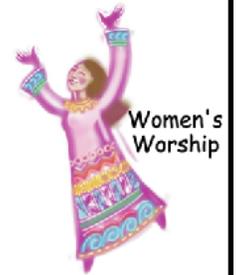
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 10th**. Turn your clocks ahead an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th so you can be at the church on time!

Rev. Michael P. Catanzaro..... Pastor
Pastor Donna Doig, CLP..... Associate Pastor
Andrea Montgomery.....Church School Director
Kathleen Crecco.....Director of Music & Pianist
Christy Dekay.....Office Coordinator
Emily & Kate Ewy.....Nursery Care Providers
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Cameron Boswell.....Stream Master
Linda Potter.....Newsletter Editor
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tues. & Thursday

Annual Women's Worship

The "**Gifts of Women Sunday**" will be held on **Sunday, March 10th**.

The women of the church present the entire worship service on this day. If you would like to be part of this special day, contact **Linda Potter** at 315-229-8886 or nautilus@twcnny.rr.com.



Palm Sunday Brunch

A Palm Sunday **Potluck Brunch** will be held on **Sunday, March 24th** after worship in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. If possible, bring a dish to pass. Table service will be provided. (**Set-up** for the brunch will take place on **Saturday, March 23rd** at **9 a.m.** Your help is appreciated!)

Maundy Thursday Service

A **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held on **March 28th** at **7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Wearing Of The Green

St. Patrick's Day is on a Sunday this year! To celebrate, wear a bit of green on **Sunday, March 17th**.

Happy Day For Us!

March 7th marks the **217th anniversary** of the founding of our church! Over two centuries of grace, faith and love.



Family News

Our entire congregation is greatly saddened by the death of **Bill Webb** on January 25th. Bill has been a (literal) pillar of our congregation for so very long, it is difficult to image our church without him. We lift up in our prayers his four daughters, **Paula Eschmann**, **Pam Bethel**, **Janice Acklin** and **Ruth Leslie**, and their families, who have provided so much loving support to Bill all his life and, particular, in these past months. Calling hours will be held on Saturday March 2, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lawrence Funeral Home, with a funeral service officiated by Rev. Mike to take place at 1 p.m. at Lawrence's. Cards of condolence and support may be sent to either Paula Eschmann, 748 Miner Street, Canton NY 13617 or Ruth Leslie, 119 Hasgate Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. *Bill fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith!*



Prayers for **Vern Aldous** taking a break from treatment in order to heal and strengthen. It is a trying time for Vern and Arvilla. Cards and communications greatly appreciated; 6171 US Hwy 11, Canton NY 13617.

Prayers for **Glenn Erickson** (and his family) on the recent death of his wife, **Jane**, following a bout with COVID and pneumonia; and for brother-in-laws **Mark** and **Ray**. This is a devastating loss, and we are deeply saddened. Cards may be sent to Mark and/or Ray at 15 Church Street, Canton NY 13617.

Prayers for **Judy Gibson** who continues to heal and strengthening from treatment. It was a joy to see back in church recently, and resuming her place in the choir. 35 Riverside Dr., Apt. 3G, Canton NY 13617.

More Family News

Continued prayers for Army PFC **Hunter Montgomery**, son of **Joe & Andrea Montgomery** and big brother to **Colin**, who has been serving our nation deployed to Iraq as part of the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment in a region of the Middle East which has recently experienced an increase in aggressive acts. **Hunter's parents recently received word that he may be rotating back stateside at the end of March!** Prayers, please, to make this so and to keep him safe.

Prayers for **John Goetze** on the death of his wife, **Anne**, following a lengthy illness. Please keep John, and his family, in prayer for comfort and strength. Cards may be sent to John at 405 Central Mariner Dr., Edgewater FL 32141. A burial service is planned for May here in Canton.

Prayers for **Nick Scelzi**, a resident of the Canton Nursing home. Nick is having a difficult time and any support or visits would be greatly appreciated. Cards may be sent care of Nick to Maple Wood Nursing Home, Maple 109, 205 State Street Road, Canton NY 13617.

Prayers for **Marilyn Coir** now living at 125 Dover Road, Mills, MA 02054 (a permanent change for her). Marilyn would be *delighted* to receive cards and notes!

Prayers for **Rita Ostrander**, **Christa Lyon** and **Josh Holbrook** facing health challenges; Janet Favro currently residing at Keene Valley Neighborhood House (Attn Janet Favro, P.O. Box 46, Keene Valley, NY 12943); **Colleen Grant** for healing and wholeness, and husband **Dale** in support of her, (55 Bird Street, Canton, NY 13617); Jody Upton, sister of **Susan Akins**, being treated for a recurrence of cancer; and, **Roger McBath**, a resident at the Canton Nursing Home.

Student News

Kudos to **Matt Holbrook** is playing minor hockey for a Massena team and a member of the boys varsity hockey team, and **Kaitlyn Holbrook** playing JV Basketball.

Congratulations to **Rosalie Dekay** who was named to the High Honor Roll at McKenney Middle School

Congratulations to **Kate Ewy** who earned a silver medal at this year's Empire State Games held in Lake Placid in February!



More Family News

Prayers for **Alice Poole** who continues to confront health challenges; and for Peggy Caswell, sister of **Arvilla Aldous**, undergoing treatment for cancer.



Prayers for **Rich Denison**, now home and recovering from significant surgery; and his wife **Jeannie** in support of him. Rich and Jeannie are regular participants in virtual worship most Sundays.

Congratulations to **Pierre Nzuah** and his bride **Hilda** (nee Mberk) who were married on December 13 in Cameroon, Africa! We are thrilled for Hilda and Pierre as they embark on their new life together. Talk about a lucky guy!?!



Julia Basford has her first dish on the menu at Oak & Olive in Webster Groves, Missouri where she is a line cook. Julia's mom, Mary, says she loves the head chef and is learning so much. *Way to go Julia!*

Project Updates

The new **sign** (EMC, Electronic Messaging Center) is up and running! Very exciting, and a ton of fun!!! (See Page 12.)

The **new mixer/sound board** for the live-stream has been installed and is providing much better sound quality and balance for those on the live-stream.

Having closed on the sale of the land, steps are now being taken (thanks to **Joe Montgomery**) to sort and store decades worth of church school supplies and costumes in preparation of a remodel for the **"Selleck Room"** for use by the children and use by our church. In this regard, we've had a **change of plans about location**. Rather than adapting the room under the sanctuary (remote, dark and dank) we will be removing the wall between the old "Theater Room" and "Tent Room" in order to create a large, open, and sunlit space for the kids closer to the center of church activity. The hope/goal is to have this room ready for the fall.

Having received a \$25k grant from the NNY Community Fund, arrangements are being made with a contractor to effect **repairs to the steeple**; with an eye to repairs being undertaken later this spring.

No moss is growing under the feet of this church, and we continue to make strides towards ensuring a bright future for our congregation in years to come. If you are interested helping in any of these endeavors, please see Rev. Mike.

You're Kilting Me!

Rich Grayson recently dipped way back into his closet to dig out his kilt to wear on the occasion of Poet and Lyricist Robert Burns birthday (January 25th) and in proud celebration of his Scottish Heritage.



Church Attendance

	In-Person	Stream	CS
February 4	52	47	10
February 11	46	60	6
February 18	21	35	4
February 28	46	43	5

Average In-Person Attendance: 41

Average Live-Stream Attendance: 46

Average CS Attendance: 6

Treasurer's Report

	Operating	Mission
February 4	\$1,638.70	\$ 31.00
February 7	\$3,315.00	\$ 133.00
February 25	\$3,873.67	\$ 175.00
Total:	\$8,827.37	\$ 339.00

Church School News

During the past month, the kids in church school worked on continuing to learn about **various Bible stories** and relating the themes to our everyday lives. We also worked on a Valentine's craft and how we can spread **love** in our world. In late February, we discussed the purpose of **Lent** and the importance of recognizing the sacrifices Jesus made for us. In March, we will be working on Easter themed material.



Andrea Montgomery,
Church School Director

Film Screening

On **Wednesday, March 20th**, the Unitarian Universalist Church will present the documentary **"Last Flight Home"** at 6:30 p.m. This is about one family's gathering "to help their beloved patriarch exit the world with the same dignity with which he lived." A discussion will follow the film. This event is free and open to the public. Watch the 2 minute trailer [here](#).

Officers & Committees

Elders On Session

To strengthen and nurture the faith and the life of the congregation.

Joe Montgomery Patrick LaPierre Rob Ewy
 Sarah Melville Barry Walch Jim Franklin
 Anna Eller Heidi Ames Pat McGuire
 Rich Grayson Michelle Theisen
 Patricia Mace - Clerk Of Session

Board of Deacons

Ministering to the sick, those in need, the friendless, and those in distress.

Christy Dekay Ray Erickson Mark Brackett
 Susan Akins Jane Cable Ellen Grayson
 Jean McGuire Bob Duda Stacie Olney-LaPierre
 Secretary Moderator
 Ray Erickson, Treasurer

Committees

Chairs

Resources Jim Franklin
 Responsible for managing and dispensing funds to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Facilities Barry Walch, Joe Montgomery, Rich Grayson & Pat McGuire
 Responsible for the maintenance and use of all church property.

Fellowship Ellen Grayson & Pat Mace
 Responsible for all fellowship events.

Nominating Jean McGuire, Michelle Theisen, Gordy Theisen, Barb Brown & Deacon
 Responsible for filling Session, Deacons & Offices.

Church School Anna Eller
 Responsible for growth, nurturing & learning.

Worship Sarah Melville & Rob Ewy
 With pastor, responsible for worship.

Communion Pat Mace & Vicki McLain

Stewardship Jim Franklin
 Responsible for securing resources and energy to fulfill the mission & ministry of our church.

Mission Michelle Theisen & Rob Ewy
 Helping our church, community and world.

Treasurer Mary McGreevy

Financial Secretary Barry Walch
Asst. Financial Secretary Anna Eller

C&C Program JJ Jockel, Sean Boutin & Michelle Theisen

Personnel Anna Eller, Heidi Ames & Patrick LaPierre

The Pastor's Report

Howdy folks!

As we move into March, we also move into the midst of the ecclesiastical season of Lent, or as it also known: The Easter Cycle. This month I thought I'd give a little history on this unique aspect of our faith.

Easter is the oldest and greatest annual festival of the church. Like Passover with the Jews, it originally marked the beginning of the church year. It revolves entirely about the person and the work of Christ, being devoted to the great saving fact of his passion and resurrection.

The Easter festival proper was preceded by a forty days' season of repentance and fasting, called *Quadragesima*. This fast was an imitation of the forty days' fasting of Jesus in the wilderness, which itself was put in typical connection with the forty days' fasting of Moses and Elijah, and the forty years' wandering of Israel through the desert. At first a free-will act, it gradually assumed the character of a fixed custom and ordinance of the church. Pope Gregory I set the Wednesday of the sixth week before Easter, Ash Wednesday as it is called, as the beginning of it. On this day the priests and the people sprinkled themselves with dust and ashes, in token of their perishableness and their repentance, with the words: "*Remember, O man/woman, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou must return; repent, that thou mayest inherit eternal life.*"¹

The English word **Lent** (stems from an Anglo-Saxon word for "spring" and is related to the English

word *lengthen*) refers to the penitential period preceding Easter. Early Christians felt that the magnitude of the Easter celebration called for special preparation. In the early centuries, the season before Easter was also the usual period of intense training for new Christians. During this period, the catechumens (those learning what it meant to be Christians) went through the final stages of preparation for Baptism, which usually occurred at dawn on Easter Sunday. As the practice of infant baptism increased, the emphasis on Lent as a training period decreased.²

Here on the Park, we certainly incorporate many of these traditional aspects of Lent into our life and worship. However, instead of the notion of "giving something up" for Lent, we've tried to focus on "taking something on" for Lent. And, as Lent falls toward the end of our harsh winters (penance enough if you ask me!) we've also infused the season with moments of unique celebration: our annual "All-Church Read," Celebrate The Gifts of Woman Sunday, and while we are going to take a break this year from our annual triumphant march around the Park on Palm Sunday (owing to the inability of our brothers and sisters at Grace Episcopal Church to participate) we will still be having a brunch on Palm Sunday; though *after* worship rather than before.

Blessings to you this season of Lent,
Rev. Mike

¹ History Of The Christian Church

² Holman Bible Dictionary

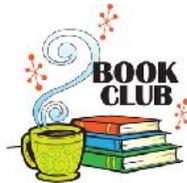
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God. - Isaiah 40:3

Women's Circle

Women's Circle will meet on **Wednesday, March 13th** at **7 p.m.** in Lorna's Lounge. All women of the church are welcome. If you are able to attend, contact **Linda Potter** at nautilus@twcny.rr.com.

Evening Book Group

The Evening Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 26th** at 7 p.m. in Lorna's Lounge to discuss ***The Measure*** by Nikki Erlick with the discussion led by **Mary Christopher**. All are welcome.



Deacon's Offering

The Deacon's Offering is the **first Sunday** of every month. This is a vital component of our church's work and mission. Please remember to send along a contribution to the Deacons along with your pledge or regular offering. **Thank you!**

Childcare For Choir

If anyone is interested in possibly providing childcare (paid) for either/both of the weekly practice times (**Thursday** evenings at 6:30 p.m., **Sunday** mornings 9 a.m.) please see Rev. Mike.

eNewsletter

If you received a hard copy of this newsletter in the mail but have an email address to which it could be sent, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Twin Beds Needed

A family in our congregation is still looking **gently used twin beds** (mattress and box spring). If you have one you are no longer using and would like to move it on to a good home, please see **Rev. Mike**.

Virtual Worship & Fellowship

For live-streaming, fellowship, bulletins, sermons newsletter and other resources, **begin by bookmarking the church website:** www.ChurchOnThePark.org. "Click" on the relevant link at the top of the page.

A **live-stream** of the worship service is on the church's YouTube Channel. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "YouTube Channel." You can choose to subscribe to our channel or simply go to this link each week.

Zoom Fellowship calls each Sunday from **11:30 a.m. to Noon** for fellowship only with no format or moderator. If needed, download the ZOOM app ahead of time by clicking on this link (free):

<https://zoom.us/download>. Once you have the Zoom app, go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Zoom Meeting". You will be asked to enter a password which is **3862570** (the phone number of the church). The meeting will automatically begin at 11:30 a.m. & end at 12:45 p.m.

Worship bulletins are posted earlier in the week to the church website for those worshipping virtually through the stream on our YouTube channel. This will allow everyone the opportunity to follow the liturgy, and see the announcements and prayer requests. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Sunday Bulletin."

Written sermons continue to be emailed, or snail-mailed, on *Tuesday* to everyone each week; as well as being posted to the church website. Go to www.ChurchOnThePark.org and click on "Written Sermons."

The monthly **Newsletter** will continue to be emailed to most, and snail-mailed to a few; as well as being posted to the church website (click on "Newsletter").

MARCH Birthdays

- 3 Mark Brackett, Sally Street,
Ali Smith, Porter Repicky
- 4 Talis Mackey
- 7 Jeannette Cole, Deborah Nikkari
- 9 Mary Rodee
- 13 Ricky Athanasakis
- 15 Ben Brackett, Mark Brown
- 18 Dave Smith
- 20 Patricia Mace
- 21 John Goetze, Barb King,
Noah Trombly
- 22 Lorien Kelly, Kane Smith
- 24 Wayne Miller, Ray Erikson
- 29 Ayden Mousaw
- 30 Liam Rodee, Kristen Holbrook,
Kaitlyn Holbrook,
John Christopher
- 31 Sean Boutin

MARCH Anniversaries

- 15 Michael Catanzaro & Linda Potter
- 30 Matt Gayle & Michelle Quinell-Gayle

Saving Grace

As we taste and partake
in nature's wondrous cycle
Of new birth, growth,
fruitfulness and death,
We rejoice in the creation of new life.
May our lives blossom
as the apple tree in Spring.
May we become fruitful
in thought and deed;
And may the seed of love
that falls to the ground
Linger beyond our time on earth.

Contact the church office with your birthday so we can keep our list current!

March Lectionary Readings

Third Sunday in Lent - March 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 10

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21



Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Passion/Palm Sunday - March 24

Liturgy of the Palms
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47
or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

Maundy Thursday - March 28

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - March 29

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22:1-31
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Easter - March 31

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Prayer Warriors

Would you like to help your neighbor, stretch spiritually and be a part of the mystical movement of the church? We are always looking for new prayer warriors to join the church

Prayer Chain to offer prayers for folks who are ill, troubled or in need.

If you want to learn more about the prayer chain, call **Rev. Mike** at 386-2570 or **Wanda Renick** at 386-3474.



Photo Directory

Our Photo Directory is no longer available online through the website. If you would like a copy (print or digital), please contact Rev. Mike or the church office and we'd be happy to send one with you. We endeavor to keep the photo directory as up-to-date as possible. If you find that you have been inadvertently omitted, would like to be included or would like a retake, please contact **Rev. Mike** or **Keli Hollis**. Updates easily done.



Presbyterian Worship

The next **Partridge Knoll service** is on **March 6th** and will continue through the winter on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at **11:00 a.m.** You are welcome to join us!



Like Us On Facebook!

The Church On The Park has a **Facebook page** which changes regularly - <https://www.facebook.com/TheFirstPresbyterianChurchonthePark>

Church Website



Our Website is updated each month and is a great way to stay a part of the life of the church. If you have questions about, or contributions for the website please email Rev. Mike or the church office.

The Church's email address: office@ChurchOnThePark.org

Reverend Mike's email address: RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.org

Sermons & Services

Written Sermons in PDF format are now available for viewing or downloading on Monday at www.ChurchOnThePark.org then click on "Written Sermons."

If you'd like to have a copy of the weekly sermon emailed or snail-mailed to you directly, please contact RevMike@ChurchOnThePark.Org.

To view recordings of previous worship services, please subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#).

Newsletter Deadline Is The 15th Of The Month

We are still sending out the monthly newsletter! Please submit articles (emailed preferably) to the church office, or directly to the Newsletter Editor, Linda Potter, at:

nautilus@twcny.rr.com

Hello, my name is...

Remember - **Name Tag Sunday** is **March 17th**.

Come early to church and make your own name tag.
Get to know your neighbor.

Clergy & Cake!!!

In celebration of the **50th Anniversary** of the **Church & Community Program** (of which our church is a founding member) a cake-cutting event was held at the Second Chance Clothing Store. An abundance of program supporters and well-wishers were on-hand to rejoice in the success of the program and “Break Cake” with one another in fellowship and jollification. Pictured are the **Pep Boys**, Manny, Moe and Jack (aka, Rev. Mike, Pastor Brett Johnson from the UMC, and UU minister the Rev. James Galasinski) with forks in hand ready to “dig in.”



Support The C&CP!

All are invited to the next (and season's final) very wonderful **Winter Jazz Nights** and **Coffee Bar** in support of the Church & Community Program being put on by the Unitarian-Universalist Church on **Friday, March 15th**, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Folks are invited to bring non-perishable food items, as well as cash donations, to help keep the food pantry stocked.

Helping The Hands That Help

Dick Partch, and his family, recently gifted Helping Hands of Potsdam (Hannawa Falls) with a very generous donation to support their operations in honor of his wife and their mother, **JoAnne Partch**. A wonderful way to celebrate JoAnne's life and legacy of care and concern for others.



All-Church Read(s)!

For this year's All-Church Read, we are going to dig a little deeper and try something new in selecting **THREE** books all with the same theme of *seeing people and being seen by others, and learning to listen and ask better questions*. Given this, we are getting an early start on gifting and sharing these selections. Books are currently being distributed to families and, somehow, Rev. Mike will be pulling together all three of these books as part of the sermon on **Sunday March 17th**, All-Church Read Sunday.

Owing to the number of kids in our church, and the wide age range they represent, we feel it is important to try to meet kids “where they are at.” The **younger kids (20) will be receiving a copy of Noticing**, written by Kobi Yamada and illustrated by Elise Hurst, “This is a story about noticing the little things, the grand big things, the imaginary, and sometimes, hidden things. It is about embracing what's possible. The incredible is everywhere, and in everything - waiting to be known, discovered and recognized.”

“Tweeners” and older teens (18) will receive a copy of Jerry Spinelli's Stargirl. “After 15 years of home schooling, Stargirl bursts into tenth grade in an explosion of color and a clatter of ukulele music, enchanting the Mica student body. But the delicate scales of popularity suddenly shift, and Stargirl is shunned for everything that makes her different.”

While the adults are certainly welcome to read the selections for the kids, the **adults will be reading How To Know A Person** by David Brooks. The church has purchased 4 copies of this book and they are currently being shared/passed around the congregation (there are also three copies, two large print copies and one audio book available through the North Country Library System).

Ham Dinner

We will be having our annual Ham Dinner on **Sunday, April 28th** following worship; please mark your calendars! We will need "all hands on deck" for this annual fundraiser. In particular, we will need a few knife wielding individuals to carve **120 lbs.** of ham butts on that Saturday afternoon. More information to follow in the April newsletter.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday March 24th**, Palm Sunday, we will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: started in 1949, OGHHS is a long-standing **ecumenical effort** aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide **relief** and **reconstruction** for communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved over the years, growing to over **30** participating denominations, and has become the most participated-in Offering in the PC(USA). Each gift serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations and provides us a way to share God's love with **our neighbors** in need through **three impactful programs**: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.



Tuned In To Tune Up

Great thanks to **Bob Duda** for providing the tuning of our church's **grand piano** in the sanctuary! We appreciate his mindfulness and generosity in keeping this magnificent instrument sounding great, and in proper working order.



Noisy Can Mission

Thank you for your faithful donations to our church's Noisy Can Youth Missions each month, both monetary and food items. In February, Noisy Can funds purchased many food items for the **Church & Community Food Pantry**, which included: **11** cans Baked Beans, **10** boxes granola bars, **6** cans chicken soup, **7** cans of mandarin oranges and peaches, **3** bags of fresh mandarin oranges. Additional church member donations were **2** jars peanut butter, **2** can beans, **2** cans fruit, **2** cans soup. Your giving provides so much nutritious food to help many people in our area find relief from hunger.

Noisy Can Food Youth shopping in March will be on **Sunday, March 24th** (after coffee hour) with **Michelle & Gordy Theisen**. Hope many children of the church can attend. Car pool rides will be provided. Call Michelle at 315-742-2172 if you are able to take part.

Food donations for CCP from our congregation can be left in the church lobby collection box. Our church food donation will be delivered to the CCP Food Pantry on **March 25th**. Thank you for being a great blessing to others.

Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale will take place on **Friday, April 19th** and **Saturday, April 20th** with the Congregational Sneak Peek on **Thursday, April 18th** from 6 - 8 p.m. (pizza will be provided!).

We welcome clean and folded **spring and summer clothing** for ALL ages. We accept any **household goods**, clean and in good condition as well as **children's toys** and **games**. Also **books** - novels and non-fiction books. **NO TEXTBOOKS PLEASE**. Also no electronics.

Kid's Communion



Bread and Blessing

SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

Though we are still very much on the learning curve in terms of the software used to program the new electronic sign, the messages below are what have been running this past week (typically the sign for the church runs for 2 hrs, then one of the other signs for an hour, then back to church info in rotation throughout the day). It has been wonderful (and no small amount of fun) to let people know about our church, support others groups in the community engaged in good works, and to cause folks to scratch their heads a bit (in the case of Yogi Berra). The sign powers up at 6 a.m. each day and powers down at 9 p.m. (so as to not disturb the neighbors/neighborhood and not be a temptation to late night travelers down Park Street). If you have a message you'd like to see on the sign on a particular day, or at some point, contact Rev. Mike.

**Worship & Church School
Begin at 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday's
Sermon** In-Person and On-line
Nursery Care Provided

"Cleaning House"

www.ChurchOnThePark.org

FEB 28 10:24 AM 55° 315.386.2570

**"You've got to be
very careful
if you don't know
where you are going,
because you might not get there."**

- Yogi Berra

Canton WinterFest!

**Buy A Button
Celebrate Our Community
Have Some FUN**

February 23rd to March 3rd

Canton Rotary Club

Cabin Fever Reliever Dinner

**To Benefit
Church & Community Program**

**Thursday February 29th
@ The 1844 House**

Canton Free Library

Storytime
with Miss Val

**Toddler Mondays 10:30 a.m.
Baby Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.**

Battle Of The Books

**Saturday
March 2nd**

Good Luck To Each Team!

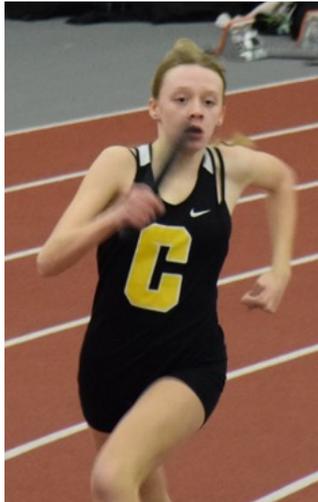
Cool Kids Read!



UP TO NO...THING BUT...GOOD



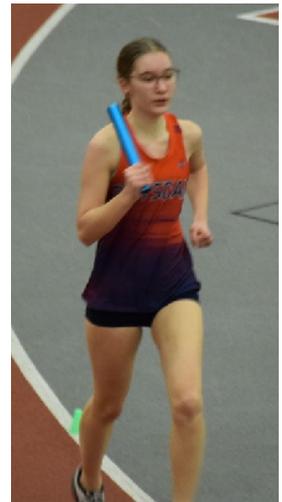
Daphne LaPierre



Hannah Ames



Tasha Rossiter



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TRACK WOMEN ON THE MOVE!



HELP US TOOT SOME HORNS!

NOTHING IS AS WONDERFUL AS KIDS "DOING THEIR THING"
PLEASE SEND US NEWS, PHOTOS AND UPDATES
OF THE CHILDREN OF OUR CHURCH!



We will be ordering memorial **Lilies, Tulips, & Hyacinths** (\$20 each), **Azaleas** (\$35) or **Hydrangeas** (\$40) to display on **Easter Sunday** in the sanctuary (for you to take home after the service).

If you would like to purchase a flowering plant in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church by mail, placing it in the offering plate, or dropping it off at the church office. You can also email or call Christy at office@churchonthepark.org or 315-386-2570. If calling, please leave a clear, detailed message on the machine if no one picks up. *All emails/phone message will be confirmed by March 19, 2024.*

Please place all orders by Thursday, March 19, 2024.

In memory/honor of (please circle one): _____

Given by: _____

Type and number of flowering plant(s) you would like:

___ Lily (\$20) ___ Tulip (\$20) ___ Hyacinth (\$20)

___ Azalea (\$35) ___ Hydrangea (\$40)

Please drop off or mail a check in the appropriate amount to:

**First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Christy,
17 Park Street, Canton NY 13617**

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 2nd Sunday of Lent 10:00AM Church School 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	26 7:00PM Session	27 7:00PM Evening Book Group	28	29 6:30PM Choir Practice	1	2
3 Communion Deacon & Food Offering 10:00AM Church School 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	4	5 11:00AM PK Service	6 11:00AM PK Service	7 1807 Church Founding 6:30PM Choir Practice	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins Women's Worship 10:00AM Church School 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	11	12 7:00PM Women's Circle	13 7:00PM Women's Circle	14 4:15PM C&CP Board Meeting 6:30PM Choir Practice	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17 All-Church Read(s) Name Tag Sunday No Church School Noisy Can Offering 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	18 Easter Flower Deadline	19	20	21 6:30PM Choir Practice	22	23
24 Brunch After Worship OGHS Offering Palm Sunday 10:00AM Church School 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	25 7:00PM Session	26 7:00PM Evening Book Group	27	28 6:30PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service	29	30
31 Easter No Church School 11:15AM Church Fellowship Zoom Meeting	1	2 11:00AM PK Service	3 11:00AM PK Service	4 6:30PM Choir Practice	5	6

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Address Service Requested

The Church is charged for every returned Newsletter. If you have moved, or changed a seasonal address, please notify the church office. Thank you.



**Annual Women's Worship
All-Church Read(s)!
Projects Update
Family News
Palm Sunday Brunch
Maundy Thursday Service
Easter Sunday - March 31st**



**The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Canton to reach out to all people and welcome them in celebrating truly the joys, freedoms and responsibilities that come with our faith in God, Christ's unconditional love for us, and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our world.
Through this nurturing Christian Community
we will fully recognize the value of each believer,
humbly forgive ourselves and others, and lovingly embrace God's Grace.**